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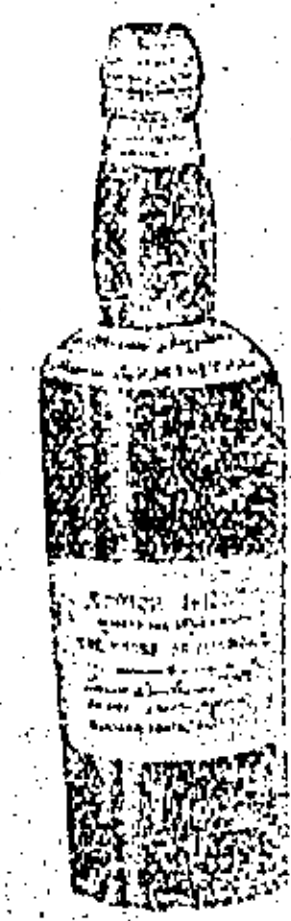
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

We have received from Mr. Davidson's Messrs Kelly and Walsh a copy of a weighty but most interesting book dealing with the Island of Formosa. It is called, 'The Island of Formosa: Past and Present. History, People, Resources, and Commercial Prospects. Tea, Camphor, Sugar, Gold, Coal, Sulphur, Economical Plants, and other Productions. By James W. Davidson, F.R.G.S., Consul of the United States for Formosa. The book, we may at once say, fully justifies this lengthy title, and must of necessity take its place as the standard work dealing with the strange and gorgeous Island of Formosa. Of the get-up of this 660-page book, of its printing and maps, we can only speak with the greatest admiration, and regarding the 160 illustrations from photographs, they are excellent. The arrangement of the work adopted by the author is one that will at once commend itself to the reader. The historical sketch of the peoples who have at various periods inhabited the Island begins with the end of the sixth century and goes through the many ways to the final occupation by the Japanese some eight years ago. A vast amount of information is crowded into this portion of the work, but its interest is maintained throughout by the easy lightness of the author's style. The part taken by Mr. Davidson in the Japanese occupation was that of an eye-witness, as he was a war correspondent with the attacking forces throughout these operations. Here the author touches upon so many interesting experiences and incidents many of which are still fresh in the mind of many residents of Hongkong and the Ports, that the narrative takes on a certain degree of local coloring. But perhaps to commercial men the most interesting of all the chapters will be those dealing with the Tea Industry, Camphor Industry, the Sugar Industry, and also the sections in which the Gold-mining and Coal mines are described. The Petroleum (discovered by Mr. John Dodd), Sulphur, and Salt products are fully described, and then the economical plants of Formosa in all their endless variety are treated in an admirably classified chapter of forty-eight pages. The concluding sections deal with the inhabitants—the various tribes of aboriginal so-called savages, of whom we have heard much of good and evil during the last three decades. And the book closes with a very interesting sketch of the Formosa of to-day, under the Japanese rule. This volume deserves more than a mere cursory notice, and we may return to its charming pages later on. Meantime, it will take its place as the leading authority upon the history and conditions of Formosa.

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March	2.65	2.62 13.43 0.17
April	4.72	6.61 14.89 1.84
May	13.96	13.41 48.84 1.18

A War Medal.

We are informed that on Sunday, forenoon, Mr. Hawks, armourer of the Hongkong Police and Volunteers, and late Sergeant of the 1st South Stafford Regiment, will be presented with a South African War medal by H.E. the Governor. A special church parade will be held on that occasion at St. John's Cathedral, after which, the presentation will take place at the Volunteer Parade Ground. The medal has been awarded to Mr. Hawks, for special service rendered by him at Wittebergen, and other engagements in Cape Colony, while serving with the South Stafford Regiment. The Band of the Sherwood Foresters will furnish the music for the Church Parade on Sunday forenoon next.

B and at Kowloon Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music in the Kowloon Hotel, during dinner, to-morrow, Thursday, the 11th June (weather permitting):—

March.....The Roll of the Drum
Overture.....Zampa.....Herold
Gavotte.....Duo.....Albanini
Valse.....Dance des Fleurs.....Berger
Selection.....The Guy Fawkes.....J. van der
Somp.....Selected Irishmen.....Florence Ayer
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There has been another great discovery in the philatelic world—quite a sensation, in fact, says the *Connaisseur*. Another couple (the 1d. and 2d.) of the great rarities commonly known as the 'Post Office' Mauritius, has been found. A schoolboy going over some old correspondence found an envelope with a couple of strange looking stamps, and took it to his father, who was not well up in stamps, but had a friend in Paris who was a collector. The envelope was sent to Paris, with instructions to sell it at the best price, and it was sold to a well-known dealer for £1,600. The precious envelope has since been sold to a well-known collector for £2,600.

Fires.

Early this morning, fire broke out in a medicine shop at No. 103 Jervois Street, under the sign of the Chu Tong firm. The fire was discovered at 3.30, on the first floor of the premises, and the alarm was conveyed to the Fire Brigade station in Queen's Road, not far from the scene. The Brigade, under Mr. P. J. J. Wodehouse, were soon on the spot and the hoses were set to work throwing large volumes of water upon the angry flames. The firemen succeeded in confining the conflagration to the first floor, and the floor above which had by this time caught alight. The extent of the damage is not known, but the premises are reported to be insured with Chinese firms in two or three policies. The origin of the outbreak has not yet been ascertained.

Yesterday evening, the interior of the Quarry Bay Ship-Building Yard, was lit up by a mass of seething flames emanating from a large match in the yard. The origin of the outbreak was due to sparks from the locomotive engines in the yard, being carried by a strong breeze amongst the dried leaves of the match. The conflagration spread to an adjoining match, and in less than two or three minutes, both were burned to the ground. The damage is estimated at \$100.

A New French Destroyer.

A torpedo-boat destroyer, the *Catapulte*, was launched on the 1st April at Marseilles. The vessel is driven by two sets of triple expansion engines and water-tube boilers, which will allow a speed of 28 knots. The dimensions of the boat are 55.3 metres long, with a breadth of 5.98 metres at the water-line. She draws 2.85 metres of water. The storage capacity of the bunkers allows a run of 2300 miles at ten knots without refuelling, or 217 miles at the maximum speed. The armament is very quick-firing guns and two torpedoes on the bridge.

Have You Rheumatism?

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Plague at Shanghai.

A correspondent writes from Canton to say that an European has been attacked with plague on the Shanghai, the victim being Mr. Andre Parquet, who has been isolated on a boat on the river near the city.

Mark Twain's Humour.

A French dramatization of Mark Twain's story, 'The Stolen White Elephant', is being presented at the Odéon Theatre, Paris. The authors of the play are Alex. and Max Fischer. On the opening night Mark Twain sent the management the following telegram: 'Best compliments to the dramatists. I hope the detectives will shed glory on a cruelly slandered profession.'

Rainfall.

The following table gives the monthly rainfall at the Observatory to the end of May, with the means and extremes for the previous 19 years:—

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

	10-3	1884-1902
	inches	Mean Max. Min.
January	1.37	1.32 2.45 0.92
February	1.37	1.32 2.45 0.92
March	2.65	2.62 13.43 0.17
April	4.72	6.61 14.89 1.84
May	13.96	13.41 48.84 1.18

A War Medal.

We are informed that on Sunday, forenoon, Mr. Hawks, armourer of the Hongkong Police and Volunteers, and late Sergeant of the 1st South Stafford Regiment, will be presented with a South African War medal by H.E. the Governor. A special church parade will be held on that occasion at St. John's Cathedral, after which, the presentation will take place at the Volunteer Parade Ground. The medal has been awarded to Mr. Hawks, for special service rendered by him at Wittebergen, and other engagements in Cape Colony, while serving with the South Stafford Regiment. The Band of the Sherwood Foresters will furnish the music for the Church Parade on Sunday forenoon next.

B and at Kowloon Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music in the Kowloon Hotel, during dinner, to-morrow, Thursday, the 11th June (weather permitting):—

March.....The Roll of the Drum
Overture.....Zampa.....Herold
Gavotte.....Duo.....Albanini
Valse.....Dance des Fleurs.....Berger
Selection.....The Guy Fawkes.....J. van der
Somp.....Selected Irishmen.....Florence Ayer
Mazurka.....La Contesse.....T. de
Polka.....March, Par L'Armee.....Waldteufel
Selection.....Three Little Maids.....Rubens
Valse.....Bella Sita.....Trotter
and SAVE THE KING.

Valuable Mauritius Stamp.

There has been another great discovery in the philatelic world—quite a sensation, in fact, says the *Connaisseur*. Another couple (the 1d. and 2d.) of the great rarities commonly known as the 'Post Office' Mauritius, has been found. A schoolboy going over some old correspondence found an envelope with a couple of strange looking stamps, and took it to his father, who was not well up in stamps, but had a friend in Paris who was a collector. The envelope was sent to Paris, with instructions to sell it at the best price, and it was sold to a well-known dealer for £1,600. The precious envelope has since been sold to a well-known collector for £2,600.

Fires.

Early this morning, fire broke out in a medicine shop at No. 103 Jervois Street, under the sign of the Chu Tong firm. The fire was discovered at 3.30, on the first floor of the premises, and the alarm was conveyed to the Fire Brigade station in Queen's Road, not far from the scene. The Brigade, under Mr. P. J. J. Wodehouse, were soon on the spot and the hoses were set to work throwing large volumes of water upon the angry flames. The firemen succeeded in confining the conflagration to the first floor, and the floor above which had by this time caught alight. The extent of the damage is not known, but the premises are reported to be insured with Chinese firms in two or three policies. The origin of the outbreak has not yet been ascertained.

Yesterday evening, the interior of the Quarry Bay Ship-Building Yard, was lit up by a mass of seething flames emanating from a large match in the yard. The origin of the outbreak was due to sparks from the locomotive engines in the yard, being carried by a strong breeze amongst the dried leaves of the match. The conflagration spread to an adjoining match, and in less than two or three minutes, both were burned to the ground. The damage is estimated at \$100.

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TELEGRAMS TO TONKIN.

All telegraphic communication with Tonkin is interrupted. Telegrams handed us for transmission are being forwarded to Saigon or Tourane to await restoration of the landlines.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The Adm. relay will shortly be sending out Stores for fitting out a Hospital ship on the China Station.

Arrangements are being made by the Naval authorities here, to purchase locally, uniforms for Nursing Sisters of the Naval Hospital.

For the three months ended with March, British imports of foreign electrical machinery amounted to £184,271, and of electrical goods and apparatus to £171,434.

The Birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. is celebrated on June 26 in Great Britain and Ireland, and on Nov. 9 in India, the Colonies and at foreign stations.

There were 257 European and 74 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 44 European and 2,413 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 7th June.

Statistics just published show that criminality in the German army has diminished since the introduction of the two years' service system. Previously most soldiers' crimes were committed in the third year of service, when the men were tired of their military duties.

During the recent heavy snowstorms in Russia the Wilna-Warsaw Railway issued free tickets to third-class passengers on condition that when the train ran into a deep snowdrift they should get down and clear the line. A continuous service of trains was maintained in frightful weather.

Rude to the Navy.

A telegram from Toulon to the *Daily Express* states that Vice-Admiral Marechal, commander-in-chief of the French fleet in the Far East, is on his way home to campaign personally to President Loubet, as the nominal head of the navy, of the rude and discourteous manner in which he has been treated by the Minister of Marine. There is much discontent among the higher officers throughout the service at the attitude of M. Pelletan.

European Plague Cases.

We have heard a good deal lately about the increase in alleged plague cases, and to day we are delighted to learn that many of the cases are, to say the least, slight or mild. Indeed, it is stated that, though the plague germ has been found in the blood of several cases included in the 'Return,' the holders of these bacilli are in fairly good health. Of course it is not for us to question the fact of the Faculty, but we are very much mistaken if even the Doctors will not join the community in welcoming a fact that demonstrates an Anglo-Saxon victory over the Plague bacillus.

The Plague.

Yesterday's plague return shows a total number of 26 fresh cases, 9 of which were Europeans. Five more cases were removed from H.M.S. *Ocean*, namely Joseph Woon, William H. Tutching, William Brown, James Crombie, and William Daly, all of whom were progressing favourably this morning. Mr. J. M. Davidson was removed from the Stag Hotel, Mr. George A. Paxton, from No. 60 Queen's Road East, and Sanitary Inspector Dennis O'Kelle, from 31 Pokfulam Road, and all were removed to Kennedy Town Hospital and there certified to be suffering from plague.

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Barrington, of Filter Beds, Richmond Road, was also taken to the plague hospital and found to be suffering from the disease. Of the other cases, two were Japanese, one Indian, and the rest Chinese. Nine of the latter cases were 'found.' To-day's return shows that the dreadful disease has claimed 7 more Europeans. One case was reported at the Central Police station, the victim being constable H. Pan, (49). Wardmaster William Mackay, of the Kennedy Town Plague Hospital, has also contracted the disease. Mrs. Ollis, recently residing at the Hongkong Hotel, and who was removed to the Government Civil Hospital some days ago, was certified yesterday afternoon to be suffering from plague. Erven Berger, removed from S.S. *Dunduff*, was also found to be a victim whilst a passenger by the S.S. *Tai Sang* named William Smith, was removed from that ship on her arrival in Port from Canton suffering from plague. Sanitary Inspector, and Mrs. Copolly, were removed from their quarters at No. 392 Des Voeux Central yesterday, and after being examined at the Government Civil Hospital, were reported as plague patients. All these cases were removed to the Kennedy Town Hospital for treatment. With the exception of these cases, an Indian from the Victoria Canal Quarters, and a Japanese from No. 2 Ship Street, all the other cases, 17 in number, were Chinese.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

THE LOSS OF THE 'LIBAN.'

London, June 8, 1903.

Two hundred to two hundred and fifty people were on board the *Liban* which collided with the *Insulaire* off Marseilles. It is believed that one half of the *Liban's* passengers have perished. The steamer sank in twenty minutes; a panic occurred among the passengers, who were at lunch when the steamers collided, and who endeavoured to seize the boats, only one of which was lowered; many persons were picked up by the boats of steamers in the vicinity.

The collision which occurred in sunshine and a calm sea was apparently due to each Captain persisting in his course expecting the other to deviate.

THE FLOODS IN AMERICA.

It is estimated that the floods in America have rendered homeless 25,000 and submerged 200,000 acres of fertile farms. Martial law has been proclaimed at St. Louis to prevent looting.

THE FOREST FIRES IN CANADA, &c.

The forest fires in Canada and New England continue and are particularly alarming in the Canadian maritime provinces. Around Ottawa and Montreal the people in the lumbering villages are seeking refuge at Nulldains.

GERMAN CONSULAR CHANGES.

Herr Lyburg, German Consul General at Batavia, has been transferred to Yokohama replacing Herr Cones, who has been appointed Minister at Bangkok.

THE JAPANESE SQUADRON IN AUSTRALIA.

The Japanese blue jackets who took part in a review at Sydney with the British naval force, were greatly cheered.

THE FRENCH IN MOROCCO.

French Artillery has bombarded Fingig for two hours.

Wireless Telegraphy in Italy.

The Italian Government is about to enter into a new contract with Signor Marconi for the establishment on the coasts and islands of Italy of about 12 wireless telegraph stations for commercial as well as strategic purposes. Several of these stations, it is anticipated, will be ready for working this year, and the remainder next year.

Shanghai Storm Signals.

We have received from the Observatoire de Zi-Ka-Wei, a code for Shanghai which will be used for storm signals after the 15th inst. It is but an enlarged edition of what has been in use along the China coast since 1897. Companies not having agents in Shanghai, may apply to the Zi-Ka-Wei Observatory for larger codes in English text, which will be ready in a few days.

Increasing the French Navy.

The French Navy is to have six new battleships of the type of the *Republic*, including that vessel. The length of the new type of battleship is 439 ft.; beam, 79 ft.; draught, 27 ft.; displacement, 15,000 tons; engines, 18,000 h.p.; speed 18 knots. The boilers in some of the vessels will be Nioclause and in others Belleville. There will be no steel keel, but only a false keel in teak.

The 'Bohila Maru' in Quarantine.

Immediately after the *Bohila Maru* arrived from Japan yesterday, she was ordered into quarantine by one of the Health Board's Medical officers owing to the discovery that two of the native passengers were in a feverish state. On inquiries being made at the company's office this morning, we were informed that the statement was not true, and that all the alien passengers were ordered ashore by the doctor on the arrival of the ship. Further inquiries elicited the fact that none of the passengers were allowed ashore, but the ship was ordered into quarantine upon her arrival. Somehow or other, the hotel runners and luggage coolies managed to scramble on board, and they, too, were carried away to the quarantine quarters for inspection. Upon the arrival of the doctor, the police flag was hoisted, which was responded to in the shape of a police pinnace sent out from the Water Police Station. The officer in charge of the pinnace was ordered by the doctor to remove the two patients to the Kennedy Town Hospital, and that order was promptly attended to, but on arriving at the institution, the two patients were refused admittance by the Ward-Master in charge. They were then carried back to the ship, and left on board. It was stated this morning the *Bohila Maru* was then flying the yellow flag in the quarantine quarters and that the passengers, the hotel runners and coolies, and the two patients were on board. The illness from which the coolies are suffering has not yet been diagnosed.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SANITARY DISINFECTING.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Hongkong, 10th June, 1903.

Sim.—Having perused the letter signed by 'Humanity' which appeared in your morning contemporary of this date, I strongly support the suggestion contained therein, that the disinfecting in persons, with all the coolies under their charge, should be held responsible for all decent looking articles, &c., damaged, destroyed, or lost during the disinfecting operations, and that if any compensation be paid to the owners, the money should be deducted from their salaries and wages.

It is quite a common occurrence for the coolies, above referred to, to do their work in a very reckless manner, even in the presence of their foremen, regarding the value and real worth of some of the articles turned out from the houses for cleansing purposes.

It may be mentioned for the information of those officials directly or indirectly responsible for the cleansing gang, that most of their disinfecting coolies frequently behave themselves in such a ridiculous manner that one would think they had a right to break and take away anything they could lay their hands on. Of course such a thing could only be done in the absence of the inspectors in charge, but we cannot very well expect the inspectors to be at their posts all the time.

It is frequently hoped that immediate steps may be taken by the proper authorities to check the evil in question.

Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this letter in your valuable columns.—Yours, &c., OBSERVER.

CANTON NOTES.

Canton, June 9, 1903.

ROTTERS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Three of the ring-leaders in the anti-railway disturbances near Yuen Tam have been condemned to death. They have been convicted of inciting the people of the villages by saying that their houses would be torn down and their property confiscated without remuneration, and by other inflammatory statements. Some half dozen others are wearing the orange and some have been hanged.

HUNTING PIRATES.

The *Callan* has gone off hunting pirates and abductors. Last week several Chinese were seized on board a steam launch that was bound for Hung Shian and carried away by pirates and are now held for a ransom. Among them is one who happens to be one of Uncle Sam's protégés. There were five different pirates in the course of one week in the same section. The old story holds in these cases, pirates among the passengers, a sudden hold up according to arrangement, numerous suske boats with a score or more of pirates, terrified passengers who are robbed of all that can be taken away easily.

In the particular case referred to above silver to the value of about \$3000 being secured, and in this last case several wealthy Chinese taken away to be held until several thousand more dollars are paid. I was talking recently with a military officer, and he told me of a notorious robber chief who lived in the village next to where his troops were stationed. The chief's known as 'Knotty Stick' and has repeatedly abducted children of wealthy people and held them until the ransom was paid. The place is in Shun Tak district, only six or seven hours by steam launch from Canton. He is an outlying wretch who amasses wealth in China, for he becomes the prey not only of the officials but of robbers as well and can expect little sympathy and help from his less fortunate (p) neighbors. Something more radical than the running about of a few foreign river boats must be done if the country is to be rid of the numerous robbers and pirates. The capture of gunboats, with whom I have talked, have, without exception, said that they could do nothing except temporarily to scare the robbers away from where they chanced to stop. They have no means of chasing and capturing them.

Desertions from the German Army.

A telegram from Berlin dated May 1 says:—The War Department is considerably worried over the increasing number of desertions from almost all regiments in the army, which no precautions seem to be able to put an end to. The Kaiser is so much more sensitive to the almost daily occurrences of this kind because an alarming number of the desertions have taken place near the French frontier, several hundred deserters having found a refuge on French territory beyond the reach of German military and civil law. What is extremely exasperating to the Emperor is the fact that most have presented an anything but respectable appearance in tattered uniforms covered with mud, for it is usually on the occasion of manoeuvres or other drill that the opportunity is offered. In almost all cases alleged misconduct and brutality on the part of the superiors is given by the deserters as reason for their conduct. The flight of one particular soldier, a beggar, was extremely galling to the military authorities here. The man, who had been most brutally beaten by the captain of his company, suddenly darted out of the ranks when about 500 yards from the French frontier, and though several shots were fired after him he escaped unhurt into France. As soon as he had both feet across the line he seized his bag and played the defiant tune of the 'Marseillaise' into the faces of his baffled officers, who did not dare to shoot him. As a result of these desertions the Kaiser is said to have issued strict orders to punish severely an officer who abuses his authority, and if a soldier should try to desert to shoot him down in his tracks, and not be satisfied with living in the air.

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